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ISMA MEDIA STREAM

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/006288, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on November 3, 2005. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to determine the relevance thereof. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

"Encryption and Authentication Specification, Version 1.0 (March 3, 2004)," Internet Streaming Media Alliance (ISMA), pp. 1-47 (2004), retrieved from URL: http://www.isma.tv/resources/techspecs/,

http://www.isma.tv/resouces/press/ September 3,2003>;

KING et al., "MPEG-4 IPMP Extensions," Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Vol. 2320, pp. 126-140 (May 22, 2002); and

International Patent Publication No. WO 99/48296, along with related Canadian Patent Application CA 2,425,741 A1.

Further, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0054892;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0015707;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0204067; and
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/555,339 to JI et al., which was filed on November 3, 2005.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of the U.S. patent application is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the "Encryption and Authentication Specification" publication is not presently available to Applicants. However, Applicants presume that a copy of the publication was forwarded by the International Searching Authority to the U.S. Receiving Office. In the event that the publication was not forwarded to the U.S. Receiving Office, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, who will endeavor to obtain a copy for the Examiner. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Ming JI et al.

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